

REMARKS

This communication is being filed within two months of the mailing of a Final Office Action and is intended to place the application in condition for allowance, or to at least reduce the issues upon appeal. Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the forgoing amendments and the reasons that follow. By the present communication, claims 81-110 and 119-121 are canceled without prejudice, and claims 124-150 are newly added. By the present communication, claim 111 is currently amended. Support for the amended claim 111 finds support in at least claims 1 and 23 as originally filed and at page 2, lines 6-9 and page 4, line 22. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the application as originally filed, with new claims 124-150 being based upon claims 82-104, 106, 107, 109, and 110 as previously pending. Such amendments do not add new matter, nor do they require a new search of the literature. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 111-118 and 123-150 will be pending, and under examination, in this application.

Allowed Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, page 8, the Examiner notes that claim 123 is allowed. Accordingly, Applicant has added dependent claims in line with those that previously depended from former claim 81. Applicant believes that claim 123 and those that depend therefrom are also allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Noda and Saito

Claims 81-87, 99-110, and 119 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Noda *et al.* (US 2002/0143136) as evidenced by Saito *et al.* (Polymer International). In view of the cancellation of the subject claims, Applicant submits that the

grounds for the rejection have been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Noda, Saito, and Noda II

Claims 88-98, 111-118, 120, and 121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Noda et al.* (US 2002/0143136) as evidenced by *Saito et al. (Polymer International)*, in further view of US 6,174,990, issued to *Noda et al. (i.e. "Noda II")*. While Applicant submits that the cancellation of claims 88-98, 120, and 121 renders moot the grounds for rejection of those claims, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 111-118.

Applicant notes that claim 111 has been amended in accordance with allowed claim 123, to recited a method that used the adhesive composition. Accordingly, Applicant believes claim 111 and those that depend therefrom to likewise be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 111-118.

Applicant believes the application to now be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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